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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: PROPOSED WORLD BANK FINANCING FOR  
POWER DESPATCHING EQUIPMENT FOR MAHARASHTRA  
ELECTRICITY BOARD

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1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD (MSEB), BOMBAY, A STATE-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY, IS PLANNING TO SET UP A CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER LOAD DESPATCH CENTER TO MONITOR SUPPLIES. THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WILL MONITOR AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF THE THREE EXISTING DESPATCH CENTERS CATERING TO REGIONAL POWER NETWORKS WITHIN THE STATE. ESTIMATED TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$2.8 MILLION, THE CENTER WILL BE AT KALWA, ABOUT 35 KILOMETERS FROM BOMBAY. ACCORDING TO MSEB, THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING A WORLD BANK LOAN TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT.

2. MSEB ADMINISTERS A LARGE POWER SYSTEM HAVING A HYDRO GENERATION CAPACITY OF 540 MWS AND SIX THERMAL PLANTS WITH AGGREGATE CAPACITY OF 637 MWS. BESIDES, THE MESB SYSTEM IS INTEGRATED WITH A PRIVATE ELECTRIC COMPANY SERVING MAINLY BOMBAY CITY THROUGH A HYDRO-THERMAL COMPLEX OF 613 MWS, AND WITH THE INDIAN RAILROAD POWER  
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HOUSE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING 92 MW. MSEB ALSO BUYS ELECTRIC

POWER FROM A NUCLEAR PLANT LOCATED IN THE STATE. ADDITIONAL HYDRO AND THERMAL CAPACITY IS PLANNED FOR THE MSEB SYSTEM IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. IT HAS AN EXTENSIVE TRANSMISSION NETWORK AND A NUMBER OF SUBSTATIONS.

3. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PROCUREMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, INTERESTED US FIRMS SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH MR. B.S. CARIAPPA, CHAIRMAN, MSEB, MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, HUTATMA CHOWK, BOMBAY 400 001, FOR PROJECT DETAILS.  
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